subsequently the post of Joint Secretary (Druga? in the Ministry and Development Commissioner (Drugs) were merged due to operational difficulties.

(e) to (, £) Entire policy is under review. Such a review would entail examination of the merits of the provision relating to Drug Prices Equalisation Account, as well.

**Liberalisation of price control $o_n$ drugs**

2218. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERM A:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased $t_0$ state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express of the 14th August, 1990 captioned 'Total Decontrol of drugs rules out';

(b) whether it is a fact that liberation of price < antral has neither increased the production of drugs nor checked the in-crease in their prices of medicines;

(c) whether it is a fact that both the objectives were achieved under DPCO, 1979;

fd) if so, on what basis and data the industry is advocating liberalisation;

(e) whether it is a fact that all those drugs which have been wrongly excluded are being scrutinised; and

(f) if so, by when the scrutiny would be completed and (rectification done?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHBMTCALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) By and large there have been increase in the production of drugs. There have been increase in prices of drugs based oil changes in input costs. There have also teen reduction in prices of medicines wherever such reductions were justified.

. (c) There has been steadiness in prices as v/ell as production of drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

(d) Existing Drug policy is under review and various view points have been put across (o the Govt, for considerar tion.

(el an3 (f) The process of scrutiny by the Standing Committee is still on. Government has already put 26 bulk drugs under price control recently.

**Price control on Oxyphenbutazone and Phenylbutazone**

2219. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a^ whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee observed in its Supplementary Report that though $Oxyphenbutazon_3$ and Phenylbutazone do not fufil any exclusion criteria but committee is not recommending these drugs for price control as the same are being banned for consumption due to their hazardous effects;

(1-) if so, whether it is a fact 'hat no action has been taken to ban these drugs even after a lapse of two years, and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information would be collected from the Ministry of Health and laid on the table of the House.

**Rectifyiig the Mape System**

2220. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA;

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a feet that the present system of Maximum Allowable Post Manufacturing Expenses (MAPE) is wrong;

(b) whether it is a fact that under the present system of pricing the same ciape is allowed on small and high dose drug;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to this the industry is concentrating towards high dose formulations thus ignoring essentia] medicines; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to rectify the present system?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS ((SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY); (a) and (b) The Maximum Allowance Post Manufacturing Expenses (MAPE) which is "5 pe; cer; t for Category-I and 100 per cent for Category-II formulations, is based on the measures announced in 1986 by the Government for Rationalisation, Quality Control and Growth of Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Industry in India.

(c) and (d) The entire drug policy is inder Teview.

**Production of Medicines by Small scale Sector.**

2221. SHRi ASHOK NATH VERMA; SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

ta) wheiher it is a fact that small scale units hf<\c been totally exempted fro. price tonltol;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the turn over of several small scale unifs s higher than the organised sector;

(c) whether it is a fact that organised sector is using small scale units as a tool directly and indirectly in flouting Drug Prices Control Order;

(d) whdhv it is a fact that his Mi~-isiry is fiwars of such instances;

(e) if so, what are the detais thereof;

(f) whether it is also a 'fact thai small scale sector units are printing high prices and offering his discounts;

(g) whether it is a fact that such a step has discouraged investment;

(h) whether his Ministry has made any study of this aspect; and

(i) if so, the details thereof and what steps have been taken to safeguard consumer interest?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Under the Drugs ^Prices Control) Order, 1987, scall scale sector units have been exempted from price control in respect cf Category II < epilations subject to ful-